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Title: LAPAROSCOPIC ACCESS PORT FOR SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS OR THE HAND

The prior application is assigned of record to General Surgical Innovations, Inc., a California corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on December 19, 1994 and March 6, 1995 at reel/frames 7351/0514 and 7351/0518.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- New disclosure information, including:
  - Information disclosure statement, 2 pages.
  - PTO-1449, 2 pages.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/451,570, filed November 30, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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